

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2614

Introduced by Assembly Member John A. Perez

February 19, 2010

An act to add Section 25450.6 to, and to add Chapter 5.10 (commencing with Section 25499) to Division 15 of, the Public Resources Code, relating to energy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2614, as introduced, John A. Perez. Energy: home retrofit: federal program.

(1) Existing law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to administer federal funds pursuant to specified federal programs to eligible entities to reduce fossil fuel emissions, improve energy efficiency, and reduce overall energy use.

This bill would require the commission, upon the enactment of federal legislation establishing the Retrofit for Energy and Environmental Performance (REEP) program, in consultation with the United States Department of Energy, to develop a program to implement the Retrofit for Energy and Environmental Performance (REEP) program in the state.

(2) The federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 allocates federal funds to the state that are administered by the commission for various energy-related projects.

This bill would require the commission to facilitate any energy-related activities or programs created from an expansion of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 25450.6 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

25450.6. The commission shall facilitate any energy-related activities or programs created by the federal government pursuant to an expansion of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5).

SEC. 2. Chapter 5.10 (commencing with Section 25499) is added to Division 15 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

CHAPTER 5.10. FEDERAL FUNDING FOR RETROFIT FOR ENERGY
AND ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

25499. (a) Upon the enactment of federal legislation establishing the Retrofit for Energy and Environmental Performance (REEP) program, the commission shall, in consultation with the United States Department of Energy, develop a program implementing the Retrofit for Energy and Environmental Performance (REEP) program in California.

(b) In developing the program, the commission shall ensure the participation of stakeholders representing various interests, including workforce development, consumer awareness, and technical standards. The commission shall ensure the appropriate level of governmental coordination for efficient implementation of the program and avoiding duplication of efforts.

(c) The program shall do all of the following:

(1) Ensure that building retrofit is properly performed in compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

(2) Identify applicable industrial performance standards to guarantee quality work.

(3) Provide for accountability.

(4) Ensure that the projected energy savings are realized.

(5) Ensure that work funded by the program is inspected by credentialed professionals to safeguard against waste, fraud, and abuse.

(6) Provide incentives to contractors to invest in training and a certified workforce.

- 1 (d) The commission shall establish timely guidelines to ensure
- 2 speedy and efficient implementation of the program.

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